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SUNDAY

Synaxis of St. John the Forerunner
Fast-free

JANUARY 7
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All the conflicts in the world have their origin in unabated anger. One is angry and wounds the other, who then responds with greater violence and strength. Once this chain is begun, it cannot be stopped except through the appeal of prayer—genuine prayer.
+Elder George Calciu of Romania

CEDD, BISHOP OF LASTINGHAM. Cedd was the oldest of four brothers, born into a noble family in seventh-century Northumbria. The brothers all entered the priory school at an early age and learned the ways of Irish monks, and they all became priests. Cedd was consecrated Bishop of Essex and was sent to evangelize the people who were in need of spiritual guidance. He built churches and monasteries, baptized the locals, and ordained priests and deacons to help him. Together they gathered a large flock. King Ethelwald of Deira gave land to Cedd to build a monastery, but Cedd refused to lay the foundation stones until the place had first been cleansed through prayer and fasting. In 664, Cedd and his brother Cynibil fell sick from a great plague and died. Cedd was at first buried in the open air, but the 30 monks who attended his funeral also contracted the plague and died.



SCHEDULE

Sunday, Jan. 14.....Sunday after Theophany
St. Nina of Georgia
9:50 AM General Confession
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Parish Council Meeting

Sunday, Jan. 21.....Zacchaeus Sunday
9:15 AM Church School
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Sunday, Jan. 28.....The Publican & Pharisee
VISIT OF ARCHBISHOP
MICHAEL

10:00AM Divine Liturgy
THANK YOU - To Nellie & Jan Eyerman & Larry
Kloss for hosting the coffee hour today.
- Next weeks hosts are Leslie
Ternay & Erin Bartosh.

MANY YEARS - To those celebrating anniver-
saries & birthdays in January.

ANNIVERSARIES

Janius & Nellie Eyerman

BIRTHDAYS

Archpriest Thomas Edwards

Reader Christopher Bygonaise

Raymonde Djokic

Jean Marie Gelinas

Guy Gulbin Michele Lelo

Jessica Patrick

THEOPHANY HOME BLESSING

Directions: Light a candle in front of an icon, have a small container of Holy Water and a small branch or sprig to use as a sprinkler. Read the following prayer and Bless your home.

O LORD JESUS CHRIST OUR GOD WHO CONDESCENDED TO ENTER UNDER THE ROOF OF ZACCHAEUS THE PUBLICAN, BECOMING SALVATION TO HIM AND HIS WHOLE HOUSEHOLD: AS THE SAME LORD, BY MEANS OF OUR UNWORTHY PRAYERS AND SUPPLICATIONS BROUGHT TO YOU, PRESERVE UNHARMED FROM ALL EVIL THOSE WHO LIVE HERE, BLESSING THEM AND THIS HABITATION, EVER PRESERVING THEIR LIVES FROM SNARES, WHILE BESTOWING ABUNDANTLY ALL YOUR GOOD THINGS PROFITABLE TO THEM BY YOUR BLESSING. FOR TO YOU IS DO ALL GLORY, HONOR AND WORSHIP, TOGETHER WITH YOUR FATHER WHO IS WITHOUT BEGINNING, AND YOUR MOST HOLY AND LIFE CREATING SPIRIT, NOW AND EVER AND UNTO THE AGES OF AGES. AMEN

RECTORY & BUILDING PRESERVATION FUND- Our thanks to those who contributed in 2017. A new sign up sheet for 2018 has been posted on the Council Bulletin Board.

PRAYER LIST Please remember in your prayers: Marianne, Vera, Joseph, John, Eugenia, Mary, Deryl, Annette, Myron, David, Pam, Antonia, Subdeacon Corrado, Alfonsina, & Archpriest Thomas.

NJ DISTRICT of FOCA Steak Dinner on Friday Feb. 2 (fast-free). See posted flyer for further info.

THE READINGS FOR TODAY

*Section from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Ephesians
(4:7-13)*

YE brethren: Unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.

Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men.

(Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?

He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ:

The Gospel: from St. Matthew (4:12-17)

AT that time: When Jesus had heard that John was cast into prison, he departed into Galilee;

And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the seacoast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim:

That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying,

The land of Zabulon, and the land of Nephthalim, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles;

The people which sat in darkness saw great light; and to them which sat in the region and shadow of death light is sprung up.

From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.